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Our Relations with England.

No thoughtful American desires war with England or any other nation. The probability that we shall have no war with England over the Venezuelan question is much strengthened by the prompt action of Congress authorizing the appointment of a commission to determine the boundary question for our information. There is reason to believe that this action is now understood fully by the English government and people. It means that we desire to know whether England has any proprietary rights in the disputed territory and, if she has any, how far they reach. Having learned this much we shall know whether England is laying claim to territory on this continent which does not belong to her.

If the eminent commission appointed by the President shall find that England's claim, in whole or in part, is not supported by the facts, a situation of great gravity will confront the two countries. Then as now we shall desire a settlement by arbitration. This the English government has refused. Will it continue to refuse? This is the important question. The answer means peace or war.

The position of the United States is taken. Declared by the President, endorsed by Congress with a patriotic unanimity that thrilled the country and impressed the world. It is approved by the people. Before any European power can take another foot of the American continent it must worst the United States in war.

The time between now and the announcement of the commission's finding will be a time of waiting. For us it should be also a time of preparing. It would be criminal folly to let the months go by without any effort to improve our coast defenses and our navy. If happily we have no war we shall have added a strength which we should have had long ago and which will help us to command peace.

Millions of property and hundreds of thousands of lives are exposed along our ocean and lake coasts. The defenses should be made as adequate as time will allow and with a view to their extension until the system shall have been made adequate. There is no division among the people as to the main question. There should be no division in Congress in respect of anything necessary to sustain the country's position.

It is as patriotic now, and much more provident, to look well to our defenses, as it would be in time of invasion to rush men into the field to beat back the enemy.

Bully for the Boers! More power to 'em!

The Cause of the Boers.

Fifteen years ago British efforts to annex and wipe out the South African Republic were met at Majuba hill by the determined Boers and stopped with a brilliancy which made the lion roar in rage.

There was a demand for the punishment of the Boers for defending their country successfully, but Mr. Gladstone, then at the head of the government, appreciating the justice of the African cause, preferred to enter into a convention by which the independence of the republic in internal affairs was guaranteed, Great Britain reserving the right to look after the republic's foreign relations.

British aggression, this time under the lead of the British South African Company, has met another repulse, and the home government is quick to disavow the movement. It might involve her elsewhere more seriously.

Besides, now as in Gladstone's day of power, there is in England a sentiment of fair play and a sympathy with the brave Boers which the government may not disregard.

England doesn't want to swallow our Monroe doctrine, but she is willing to take our bonds. Disraeli knew the Briton's fondness for "the sweet simplicity of the 3-per cents."

Senator Sherman's Criticism.

Senator Sherman never addresses the senate without saying something worth hearing. His speech on the national finances is clear and strong and will command attention, for the speaker is known to be a thoughtful man who has exceptional knowledge of the subject.

The central idea of Senator Sherman's speech is that if the revenues had been sufficient the treasury would not have been in trouble. The Wilson tariff has piled woe on the treasury and the people. The administration insists that the shortage of the revenues has nothing to do with the case, but the administration is answered by its own figures and by common sense.

The McKinley act provided a surplus instead of creating a deficiency. Under that tariff the treasury was able to take care of itself and the people had exceptional prosperity. Under Republican legislation and administration it was

not necessary to borrow money to run the government.

This had happened just before the Republican party came into power in 1861, and it was the fate of the Democratic party that it should not happen again in time of peace until the Democratic party once more got the chance to bring it about.

This very significant chapter in the history of the Democratic party illustrates and emphasizes that party's incapacity to manage successfully the great business of government.

Speaking of twisting the British lion's tail, don't the Boers understand that noble art?

"Society" and the Home.

People who employ their idle moments in envying the rich and ultra-social classes of New York will find food for serious reflection in some of their marital idiosyncrasies. It is now announced that the divorced wife of William Kilsam Vanderbilt and the mother of Consuelo, duchess of Marlborough, is to marry Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont, whose wife has been divorced and who some time ago espoused another husband.

With all the regal pomp and shallow splendors of the English nobility surrounding her, is it not possible that the duchess of Marlborough, while in close communion with herself in the solitude of her boudoir, may now bow her head in mortification over the thought that, while her father is living, her mother is the wife of another man, whose former wife has been espoused again? What a rent is here made in the holy ties of home and family by the unblushing exchange of nuptial couches.

Who would exchange the untarnished homely fireside for wealth and power under such conditions? There are many compensations vouchsafed the meek and lowly, the tender and true, that outweigh wealth and social prominence where happiness and the joys of home are forever strangers. There is no solace for the others, for it is ever true that

True hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.

Is Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan Assistant President of the United States?

Not a Coke Road.

Whether the projected Pittsburgh, Monongahela & Wheeling railroad be of much or little importance, Wheeling will welcome its coming. Every railroad helps. The Intelligencer has been unable to see how this road could in any way take the place of the proposed Wheeling & Connellsville, which is to enter the coke field and give Wheeling as cheap coke as Pittsburgh gets.

A glance at the map published in today's Intelligencer makes it clear that the Pittsburgh, Monongahela & Wheeling is not the new coke road for which we have been looking. From Wheeling to the Monongahela river, where it stops, it bears steadily away from the coke field.

If the Pittsburgh, Monongahela & Wheeling were in operation there would be the same need that there is now for a road to the Connellsville coke region. Wheeling would have one more railroad, but it would not be the long desired coke road.

This weather will make ice without half trying. It will also make the coal man happy and may even comfort our friend the plumber.

The Voice of Europe.

The emperor of Germany does not hesitate to express his dissent from the British scheme to gobble the Transvaal. The German newspapers all the same song, and the French newspapers chime in with them. No wonder the British home government is quick to get in a disavowal. There is too near an approach to a concert of the other powers against England for her to allow the British South African Company to pursue its grab policy. The action of the Boers has also put a dampener on the business. Your Cousin John Bull knows when to get off the perch.

Governor Morton is as much in the field for the Presidency as anybody else, but he will not get so many votes in the convention as some others will get. The New York governor is in earnest, but his sponsors are not. They have other ideas.

Wheeling's Wharf Charges.

When rivermen complain of Wheeling's wharf charges Wheeling has no good answer to make to them. Here the round-trip charge is \$4.50. At Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, much more important ports, the charge is \$2.50. There is no justification for a charge nearly double in Wheeling. Parkersburg charges the same as Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Council should make haste to remove this just cause of complaint, and the Intelligencer believes that it will do so. We should not lay unnecessary burdens on our river traffic.

Senator Elkins puts the whole bond matter in a nutshell when he says that the way of the administration with its syndicate is not the way to make the most of the country's credit. Senator Elkins is unanswerably right when he says that the syndicate should not be given a privilege that would not be granted to individuals in ordinary affairs.

Senator Sherman pours hot shot into the President when he says that now when he sees what a revenue-decreaser and general trouble-breeder the Wilson bill is the President seems to think more of it than he did when he refused to sign it. This is driving home the truth in fine style.

We know who represents the administration and who represents the bond syndicate, but with the naked eye we see nobody at headquarters who seems to be representing the people of the United States of America.

The London Chronicle discovers that "the Schomburgk line is proved worthless as a basis for any territorial claim." This is true with tremendous force if, as is stated on a show of good authority, there never was any Schomburgk line.

Cleveland boasts that Cincinnati can't keep up with her, notwithstanding the annexation of adjacent villages. It looks that way. Cleveland is forging to the front. Cincinnati is going the other way, we are sorry to see.

A CHEW,
TO CHEW,
A SMOKE
TO SMOKE.

MAIL POUCH
ANTI-NERVOUS
DYSPEPTIC

BIG ASSIGNMENT.

The Solicitors' Loan and Trust Company of Philadelphia—Sensational Features.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—The Solicitors' Loan and Trust Company, of this city, of which Richard W. Clay is president, made an assignment to-day to Colonel T. De Witt Cuyler, one of the directors.

The trouble came through the outside operations of J. R. Ritter, who has charge of the company's real estate department. He is said to have floated a series of drafts in the Tradesmen's National Bank of this city for a New York man.

Two weeks ago President Clay of the Trust Company gave the Tradesmen's bank a bond of \$150,000 to indemnify it against loss. This bond was given without the knowledge of the directors, and when the board learned of it they repudiated the action of their president, and in view of the circumstances decided to make an assignment in order to learn the true condition of the company. An examination of the books shows that the assets are all right.

The assignment was made jointly to Edgingham R. Morris, president of the Girard Trust Company, and Col. Cuyler. Mr. Ritter is said to have been dealing in the stock of the Indianapolis Traction Company, which has declined recently from \$4 to 2 1/2. It is rumored that the cashier of a big bank who was operating with Ritter was forced to resign his position.

The Solicitors' Loan and Trust Company has assets of about \$1,200,000, most of which is tied up in western mortgages. It was founded in 1886 with a full paid capital of \$500,000. Its stock recently dropped about \$10 a share.

De Witt Cuyler stated that Mr. Ritter said he was using his own money in his speculating ventures, but Mr. Cuyler was unable to say, in view of this statement, why President Clay gave the \$150,000 bond to the Tradesmen's Bank. After the board of directors had repudiated the bond the Tradesmen's Bank threatened to bring suit to recover the money, and this, the assignment was what caused the assignment. It was stated at the office of the trust company to-day that Mr. Ritter is ill at his home in this city. Neither he nor President Clay could be seen.

The former cashier, J. A. McKee, of the Tradesmen's National Bank, is said to have cashed Ritter's drafts for \$200,000. In consequence of his connection with the latter's speculation he was recently compelled to resign. Ritter is lying at the point of death. The meeting at which the directors decided to repudiate the action of their president, was held on Sunday last. The revelations have created a sensation in financial circles.

THAT PONY PROBLEM.

Correct Algebraic Solutions Received. Another Process Asked For.

Additional correct solutions of the pony problem, published in Thursday morning's Intelligencer have been received from C. H. Quimby, Jr., Miss Sallie Meek, of Union school; Miss Elsie Brooks, all of Wheeling, and Rev. John C. McCracken, of Bellaire. All the solutions are by algebraic process, and though differing somewhat in detail follow the same rule and arrive at the same result. Following is the correct algebraic statement:

2x equals first pony.
Y equals second pony.
Z equals third pony.
220 minus (X plus Y plus Z) equals saddle.

According to the terms of the problem, then—
220 minus (X plus Y plus Z) plus X equals Y plus Z.
220 minus (X plus Y plus Z) plus Y equals X plus Z.
220 minus (X plus Y plus Z) plus Z equals X plus Y.

The reduction of these equations, which is very simple, though somewhat lengthy, shows that X equals 91-6, value of first pony; Y equals 45-6, value of second pony; Z equals 84-6, value of third pony; and 220 minus (X plus Y plus Z) equals 100-6, value of saddle.

The arithmetical solution is understood by a greater number of people, and is very simple. Will some of the Intelligencer's readers see who can send the simplest arithmetical process? The problem is as follows:

A cowboy has three ponies and a Mexican saddle, which are worth \$220. Placing the saddle on the first pony makes it worth the other two; placing the saddle on the second pony makes it worth twice the other two; and placing the saddle on the third pony makes it worth three times the others. What is the value of each pony?

Against the Ohio River Road.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 3.—One of the most important civil cases decided here in many years was decided to-day, the case being that of Grinn Bros. against the Ohio River Railroad for \$4,000. By this decision other suits will be brought, which aggregate almost half a million dollars. It is claimed by property owners here that the close proximity of the road impairs the value of all buildings on the line of the road in the city.

An Aged Farmer Dead.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 3.—James Smith Middle, an aged farmer living at Valley Mills, was enticed into Little Cox's house last night and robbed of \$275 by Lister Louter and Louis Michals, who were taken out to Cincinnati, where they were arrested. The Cox woman is in jail here.

From a "Yankee" Friend.

Newport, Massachusetts, Herald: The Wheeling Intelligencer, the leading Republican paper of West Virginia, has the thanks of the Herald for a beautiful and useful card.

The Intelligencer is one of the ablest edited and neatest printed papers published south of the Mason and Dixon line, and to its efforts is due in a large degree to the placing of West Virginia in the column of Republican states.

To a Street Sycamore.

Here in the narrow street you stand,
Built round about on every hand,
Only your topmost boughs can spy
The blue waves breaking on the land.

Yet all the changes of the year
Above you in the sky appear—
The daily marvel of the dawn,
Storm cloud and starlight shining clear.

Yours are the sunset and the dew,
And many a wandering wind that blew
By wind and mountain over sea,
Whispers his secrets sweet to you.

To you with each returning spring
The crown that clings to your leafy ring,
And the bright and verdant and fair;
The music of the woods and hills
Dreams all about you down the air.

And you, green hermit of the street,
See you not the daily duty meet,
Preaching life's beauty and her joy
To us who sit about your feet.
Chambers' Journal.

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NO DYSPEPTIC.
ACHING.

A NEW PHASE

Of the Venezuelan Question. Published by the London Chronicle.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from its special commissioner at Washington giving hitherto unpublished correspondence between the government of Great Britain and Venezuela during the period between November, 1890, when Robert Schomburgk was appointed to survey the western territory of British Guiana and April, 1892, when Great Britain finally removed the boundary posts which he had set at various points in that territory, is attracting much attention here. The Chronicle calls it "a momentous dispatch," and heads it "A new face to the controversy; the Schomburgk line useless. Some startling dispatches."

A foreign official speaking of these dispatches in conversation with a representative of The Associated Press, this afternoon, said that the correspondence quoted was correct "so far as it goes." He added:

"But there is much which is unpublished, especially the letters of Señor Fortique, (the Venezuelan minister to Great Britain at the time). These give a different light upon the whole matter. We might for instance, take portions of Secretary Olney's document and transform it into a statement which would be entirely antagonistic to the American side of the question."

SATOLLI'S ELEVATION.

Preparations for the Ceremony to Occur Tomorrow.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—Arrangements have been completed for the ceremonies which will take place at the cathedral on Sunday morning in connection with the elevation of Archbishop Satolli to the rank of a cardinal of the Catholic church.

On Saturday afternoon the archbishop is expected to come over from his residence in Washington and spend the night at St. Mary's seminary. With him will come his official household, comprising Dr. Frederick Rooker, secretary of the apostolic delegation, Right Rev. Donatus Sparrell, auditor of the delegation and papal delegate and Marquis Sacripanti, member of the noble guard and special envoy of the pope.

The bishops who have sent word that they will be present are: Donahue, of Wheeling; Janssen, of Belleville, Ill.; Spalding, of Peoria, Ill.; Horstmann, of Cleveland, Ohio; Maes, of Covington, Ky.; Foley, of Detroit; Rademacher, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Chatard, of Vincennes, Ind.; Shannell, of Omaha, Neb.; Dunne, of Dallas, Texas; Burke, of Albany, N. Y.; McDonnell, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rran, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Wisner, of Newark, N. J.; Gabriels, of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; McQuaid, of Rochester, N. Y.; Ludden, of Syracuse, N. Y.; McFall, of Trenton, N. J.; McGovern, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Phelan, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; O'Hara, of Scranton, Pa.; Burke, of St. Joseph, Mo.; McGlock, of Duluth, Minn.; Marty, of St. Cloud, Minn.; Cotter, of Winona, Minn., and Healy, of Portland, Maine.

Pending Negotiations.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 3.—The Turkish government has ordered the commander of the Turkish forces surrounding Zeitoun to suspend operations pending the negotiations which the representatives of the powers have entered into in order to bring about the surrender of the Zeitounis. The ambassadors have given their respective consuls at Aleppo full liberty of action in regard to the steps which they may think necessary to take to prevail upon the insurgents to surrender.

A Domestic Affair.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—M. Jules Content, a member of the chamber of deputies, in the socialist interest, representing the district of Sceaux, has been shot by his former election agent. The cause of the shooting was the fact that the agent suspected the deputy of an intrigue with his wife.

Denied Semi-Officially.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—A semi-official denial was made to-day of the announcement made in the Neue Prele Presse of Vienna, on December 30, in a dispatch from this city, saying that Russia and France had actually promised diplomatic support to the United States in the Venezuelan question, and that Russia was prepared to facilitate the United States loan with her own gold reserve.

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